



GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK, GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

2008 Gettysburg NMP Seminar: *"The Fate of a Nation" The 3rd Day at Gettysburg*

APRIL 12-13, 2008

Seminar Schedule

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Welcome and Reception, Gettysburg Hotel Ballroom (Parking in garage behind hotel- **fee)**

7:45 AM: Registration and Coffee

8:15 AM: Welcome by Dr. John L. Latschar, Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park

Saturday Morning Lectures, 8:30 AM – 1:10 PM.

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Jennifer Murray, Auburn University, “*‘And so the Murderous Work Went On’, Pickett's Charge and Other Civil War Frontal Assaults.*”

9:40 AM – 10:40 AM: LTC William D. Hewitt (USA-Retired), “*The General Plan was Unchanged.*”

10:40 – 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Eric Campbell, Park Ranger, “*Hancock Had Full Authority Over That Line of the Battle...*” or “*A Sheer...Usurpation of Authority*”, *The Hunt/Hancock Controversy.*

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM: Bert Barnett, Park Ranger, “*The Most Effective Cannonade Possible*” or “*The Biggest Humbug of The Season*”? *A Review of the Confederate Artillery Bombardment of July 3d.*

1:10 PM – 2:15 PM: Lunch – On Your Own (Note: Buses will **NOT** be provided.)

Saturday Afternoon Field Programs/ Bus Tours, 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM (choose one to attend)

Matthew Atkinson, Park Ranger, Vicksburg NMP- “*It is all my fault!*” *Seminary Ridge on July 3, A Confederate Perspective*

Scott Hartwig, Supervisory Park Historian- *High Water Mark – Heroes, Myths and Memory*

Timothy Orr, Penn State University- *A Deadly Game: “Skirmish Combat on July 3”*

Thomas Holbrook, Park Ranger (Bus Tour)- “*.. I Challenge the Annals of Warfare to Produce a More Brilliant or Successful Charge of Cavalry:*” *The Cavalry fight east of Gettysburg.*

Evening Reception at the New Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

6:00 - 6:45 PM: Social gathering with light faire and cocktails

6:50 – 8:45 PM: July 3 Battlefield Artifacts with Greg Goodell, Supervisor of Museum Services; Kathy Harrison, Chief Historian; Dean Knudsen, Chief Curator; and Paul Shevchuk, Museum Specialist.

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Sunday Morning Field Programs, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM (*select one to attend*)

Chuck Teague, Park Ranger, *The Right Gone Awry: Pickett's Vulnerable Right Flank*

Dr. Charles C. Fennell, Licensed Battlefield Guide, "*The Work Was Hellish*" – *The July 3 Battle for Culp's Hill*

Karlton Smith, Park Ranger, "*Alexander Hays and 'The Blue Birds', Brig. Gen. Alexander Hays and the Third Division, Second Corps During Longstreet's Assault.*"

Troy Harman, Park Ranger (Bus Tour), *Meade, a "cut-and-run general" or architect of counter-offense?*

Registration Information

Registration for the 2008 Gettysburg Seminar is \$90 per person, payable by check to The Gettysburg Foundation, (in memo field add "Year 2008 GNMP Seminar"), and is due no later than **Wednesday, March 20th, 2006**. (After March 20, 2008, registration goes up to \$100.00 per person). The registration fee is non-refundable.

Send registration information and payment with your Saturday and Sunday field program choices to:

**2008 Gettysburg National Military Park Seminar
97 Taneytown Road
Gettysburg PA 17325,
Attn: Evangelina Rubalcava-Joyce,**

If you need more information, please call (717) 334-1124, ext. 430. Program participants should make arrangements for their accommodations and should wear the appropriate attire for the field programs.

Program Descriptions:

Saturday Morning Lectures, 8:30 AM to 1:10 PM

Jennifer Murray, "And So The Murderous Work Went On": Pickett's Charge And Other Civil War Frontal Assaults." This program examines the transformation and evolution of Civil War frontal assaults in the eastern and western theater, highlighting the place of Pickett's Charge in the broader spectrum of Civil War offensives

LTC William Hewitt, "The general plan was unchanged." General Lee, having failed to "dislodge" the Federals on 2 July, will devise a Napoleonic plan to "destroy the equilibrium." He will employ most of his force at the decisive point - Cemetery Hill, and use his cavalry as part of the pursuit force. Using critical military analysis, we will assemble, then disassemble Lee's plan, showing how, when and where the plan failed.

Eric Campbell, "Hancock Had Full Authority Over That Line of the Battle..." or "A Sheer...Usurpation of Authority." The Hunt/Hancock Controversy. One of the most controversial incidents of this landmark engagement was the dispute between these two eminent Union officers over the use of the Northern artillery during the great cannonade preceding "Pickett's Charge." This disagreement not only influenced the fighting of July 3, but lingered and festered for decades in post-war reminiscences. This program will critically examine this debate from both perspectives and analyze its impact of the final day at Gettysburg.

Bert Barnett, The Most Effective Cannonade Possible" or "The Biggest Humbug of the Season"? A Review of the Confederate Artillery Bombardment of July 3rd. Was the cannonade successful? Ranger Barnett will take a closer look at the bombardment, its specific objectives, and the effect that it *truly* played upon the outcome of Longstreet's assault of July 3.

Saturday Afternoon Field Programs, 2:30 -5:30PM

Matt Atkinson, "It is all my fault!" Seminary Ridge on July 3; A Confederate Perspective. (Walk) The program will study the original plan for the brigade alignment, the position of artillery and reserve infantry units before and after the attack, and the relationship of Robert E. Lee and James Longstreet on July 3. In addition, the program will explore the Confederate ability to repulse a Union counterattack and the famous rally by Lee

D. Scott Hartwig, High Water Mark – Heroes, Myths and Memory. (Walk) The climatic moment of the Pickett's Charge at The Angle and Clump of Trees produced many true heroes, more than its share of myths, and a struggle for place in the memory of the battle. This *easy* walking tour will explore how all of these have helped shape the attention and veneration this small piece of the battlefield has received over the decades.

Timothy Orr, "A Deadly Game: Skirmish Combat on July 3". (Walk) While Pickett's Charge and the battle for Culp's Hill draw most of the attention of the July 3 battle, the day also saw some of the most severe skirmishing and sharp shooting yet in the war. Mr. Orr's program will examine the nature and the tactics of this deadly combat.

Tom Holbrook, "I challenge the annals of warfare to produce a more brilliant or successful charge of cavalry." The Cavalry Fight East of Gettysburg. (Bus Tour) One element of General Lee's July 3 battle plan called for Jeb Stuart to maneuver his cavalry to threaten the Union rear. As he moved south of the York Road, Stuart encountered federal cavalry under command of Union Brig. Gen. David Mc M. Gregg barring his way. One of the larger cavalry actions of the war ensued during the afternoon. This **bus tour**, will examine the field of battle as well as the command decisions that shaped the action.

Sunday Morning Field Programs, 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Charles Teague, The Right Gone Awry, Pickett's Vulnerable Right Flank. (Walk) This program discusses how the Rebel column of attack on July 3 would itself be vulnerable to being assaulted on the right, a concern that alarmed Longstreet and prompted an adjustment to the plan. Lee explained that McLaws and Hood were to "defend" the flank, while Wilcox advanced so as to "guard" it. This Battlewalk will examine how and why the plan collapsed with Kemper becoming so horridly exposed and Wilcox isolated in the debacle.

Dr. Charles Fennell, "The Work Was Hellish" The July 3 Battle for Culp's Hill. (Walk) The conflict over Culp's Hill on July 3, 1863, was the longest sustained fighting of the Battle of Gettysburg. Why? There must be a reason. This program will address this question and many others concerning what was in many ways the key struggle Gettysburg, and yet remains the most overlooked major episode of the battle.

Karlton Smith, "Alexander Hays and 'The Blue Birds', Brig. Gen. Alexander Hays and the Third Division, Second Corps During Longstreet's Assault." (Walk) Most accounts of Longstreet's Assault, or Pickett's Charge, focus on the Brig. Gen. John Gibbon's Second Division, Second Corps. However, Brig. Gen. Hays's Third Division captured more flags and more prisoners than Gibbon's. Ranger Smith will examine the key role played in the battle by Alexander Hays and his inspiring leadership during this critical phase of the battle.

Troy Harman, Meade, a "cut-and-run General" or Architect of Counter-offense? (Bus Tour) A close inspection of July 3 reveals that Meade advanced the plan of counterattack much further than often credited. This program will examine each stage of Meade's controversial decision process, from the contemplative morning hours of July 3, through the decisive hours following Pickett's Charge.